



WHITESTOWN HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

6:00 PM

Whitestown Municipal Complex– Conference Room

6210 Veterans Drive

Whitestown, Indiana

MINUTES

1. OPENING THE MEETING

- A. Call to Order – 6:24pm
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
 - Kisha Rollins, President - absent
 - Andy Markle, Vice President - present
 - Raji Muthukrishnan - absent
 - James Tomlinson - present
 - Monika Mala - present
- D. Approve Minutes from October 10, 2017 – Monika makes motion to approve minutes. James seconds. Passes 3-0 (2 members absent)

2. OLD BUSINESS

- None

3. NEW BUSINESS (none)

- A. Discuss success of 'Festival of Lights' event; changes for next year – board members consider the first-ever event a huge success with 800+ people in attendance. Next year, will start selling food tickets and (free) admission tickets at the same time through Eventbrite to avoid confusion. Discussed dropping kids' meal option (most people preferred to split adult entrée between two children anyway) and invite two restaurant vendors next year instead of just one. Agreed that performance schedule must be set in stone earlier next year and have a hard cut-off date. Also a hard check-in time for all

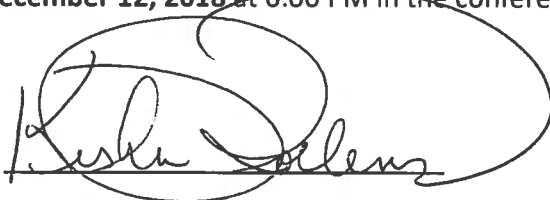
performers. Discussed borrowing or renting a stage for the gymnasium and not utilizing Public Hall next year. Instead, have all performances & food vendors, plus a few other vendors, in the gymnasium - with the Henna tattoos, name art, other arts/crafts in the hallway leading from the lobby to the gymnasium. Tanya will secure 'fire watch' for 2018 event. Tanya will check on borrowing a mobile stage (otherwise stage rental can come out of the Town Promotions line.) In 2018, HRC will have all vendors sign a vendor contract. (Tanya will get one from the Parks Department that we can easily modify) Vendors will not be given refunds. Tanya will reserve the gymnasium for the entire day for the 2018 HRC events. Tanya will check on remainder in HRC budget line after all bills are paid. Monika will check with the Indian Association of Indy to find out the date of its festival so we can choose a date that won't overlap – ideally the weekend before or after – tentatively November 2018.

- B. Discuss 2018 Event Schedule – board would like to concentrate on just two major events in 2018: the 2nd annual Festival of Lights and some kind of Pride event (possibly a Fashion Show?) That event may also include bringing a mobile art display showcasing the history of LGBT through the decades. Indy Pride board will work with us to launch our HRC event. We will choose a date that does not conflict with Indy Pride events. (Andy is our contact with Indy Pride and art display) Tentative date = June 30th, 2018. Event will include some type of education, anti-bullying resources. All ages welcome. HRC Board will take both events to the Boone County Convention and Visitors Bureau board. CVB gives up to \$5,000 to help with promotion if either event will bring people for overnight stay in Boone County hotels. Monika will write CVB grant. Andy would like to see Resolution on December HRC agenda asking that Town Council add two additional members to the HRC board.

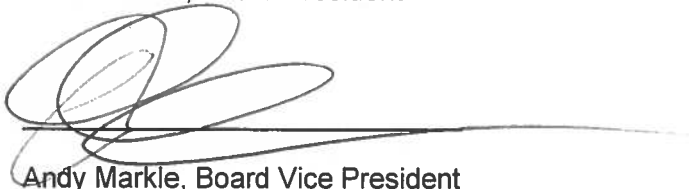
- C. Discuss & Vote on 2018 Meeting Schedule – tabled until December meeting

4. ADJOURN - 7:07pm

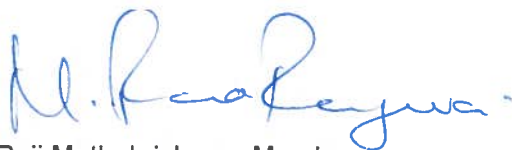
The next regular Whitestown Human Relations Commission meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 12, 2018 at 6:00 PM** in the conference room at the Whitestown Municipal Complex.



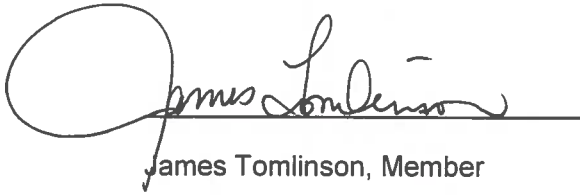
Kisha Rollins, Board President



Andy Markle, Board Vice President



Raji Muthukrishnan, Member



James Tomlinson, Member



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ATTEST:



Tanya Sumner, Director of Public Relations

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